An Exact

ACCOUNT

OF THE

King's March to ARDEE,

And of His forcing the *Iriſh* to Abandon the

Paſs of the River Boyne,

And of what hapn'd in the Paſſage, as alſo of the *Iriſh* Army's Retreat towards *DUBLIN*, and of our Army's Purſuit of them:

WITH AN

Addreſs preſented to the King.

WHen the Iriſh were ſo eaſily forc'd from ſo ſtrong a Paſs as that betwixt the *Newry* and *Dundalk*, which might have been maintain'd a long time by ſome hundreds of Reſolute Men againſt ſome Thouſands, there was but little Reaſon to believe they would have ſhow'd much Courage or Reſolution in keeping their Poſt at *Ardee*, where they gave it out they would ſtay and give the King Battel; the late King *James* being then with about Twenty thouſand Men. But no ſooner did the advanced Part of our Army appear, but they immediately abandon'd their Camp there, and fled to the other ſide of the River *Boyne*, where our Army was to paſs about Two Miles above *Drohedagh*. There they were very advantageouſly Encamped, and ſeemed reſolved to do their utmoſt to hinder the Paſſage of our Army. King *James* had drawn together the Body of his Men, which conſiſted of about Fifteen thouſand Men to guard that Paſs, and went from Regiment to Regiment to harangue them into Courage to oppoſe us.

The River at that Place is not very broad, not above Piſtol ſhot over, nor deep, being fordable in ſeveral Places; and beſides, the Enemy had planted about Twelve or Fourteen Field Pieces to hinder our Paſſage.

On *Tueſday* laſt, being the Firſt of *July*, the King advanc'd with a detach'd Body of Horſe to view the Place, and the Enemy playing from the other ſide with their Cannon and ſmall Shot, three or four of ours happened to be kill'd, and a Cannon Bullet of about ſix pound weight, happened to graſe on his Majeſties right Shoulder, and it was ſo providentially order'd, that it carried away a piece of his Coat, and touched only ſlightly on the Skin; which his Majeſty was ſo little concern'd at, that he call'd for another Coat, and continued ſome time after on Horſback: This was in the Morning, and after Breakfaſt his Majeſty having been on Horſback from Two a Clock that Morning. When his Majeſty came into his Tent, he was preſently dreſs'd, which he bore with great Courage, without any appearance of Vanity or Affectation. The ſame Bullet kill'd the Prince of *D'Armeſtad*'s Horſe. The next Morning he was on Horſback again. Count *Schomberg* having paſt the River in another place, with a conſiderable Detachment of Horſe and Dragoons, forced the Enemy from their Retrenchment, and ſecured the Paſſage for the reſt of the Army, who immediately paſt it over. The Enemy is retired towards *Dublin*; and that Wing of our Army that firſt paſt the River, is gone in purſuit of them.

The

The ADDRESS *Presented to the* KING *at* Belfast *in* Ireland, *on* June *the* 16*th*, 1690.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty;

The Humble Addreſs of the *Presbyterian Miniſters*, and Others of their Perſwaſion in the *North* of *Ireland*.

UPon the firſt Appearance of your Glorious Undertaking to Reſcue theſe Nations from Popery and Slavery, and afterwards the Settling your Majeſty on the Throne, with ſo ſmall Oppoſition, and ſo Univerſal Satisfaction; we judged our ſelves bound to Adore the moſt High God, for inſpiring you with ſuch Heroick Zeal, and ſignally bleſſing you with ſuch marvellous Succeſs, which we humbly repreſented to your Majeſty laſt Summer, at Hampton-Court, *by ſome of our Number commiſſionated by us, and which your Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to accept.*

And now upon this preſent Enterprize in expoſing your Sacred Perſon for Reſcuing poor Ireland *from its preſent Miſeries, when its delivery muſt be effected from no lower Hand; We cannot ſufficiently expreſs our Senſe of your Majeſties continued Heroick Zeal in proſecuting the ſame bleſſed Deſign, as well as to bleſs God who continueth to incline your Great Soul to ſuch an Undertaking: And our truſt in God is, that the ſame Divine Hand that overawe all Difficulties at your firſt Entring into* England, *will further appear upon your happy Arrival in* Ireland, *in giving Succeſs to your Arms, in Ruining the Deſigns of Antichriſt, and Advancing the Intereſt of Chriſt in this Nation, and giving a further Luſtre to that Glory which the Soveraign God hath already Crown'd your Majeſty withal.*

Great Sir, as for our Principles in Conſcientious Loyalty, we moſt humbly offer, That it is generally owned, even by thoſe of other Perſwaſions, who have known us, that under the various Changes of Government, ſince the late Rebellion in Ireland, *(wherein we have had our large ſhare in Sufferings, as well on account of our Loyalty under Uſurpers, as of Non-conformity ſince) we have given undoubted Proof of fixed Loyalty, which alſo his Majeſty King* Charles *the Second, was pleaſed to own by his Conferring upon us divers Teſtimonies of his Princely Favour.*

And Sir, we cannot but with all humble Gratitude acknowledge, That your Majeſty hath been graciouſly pleaſed to augment the ſame Princely Favour both as to the Subſiſtance of neceſſitous Miniſters in this poor waſted Country (not able to maintain them) and alſo that by your auſpicious Influence we have a Proſpect of our Religious Liberty, without ſome Snares that attended the ſame in the late Reigns; which Royal Bounty to us will engage thoſe of our Number now in Scotland *to return, which will prove a ſpecial Means of more fully planting this Province with ſuch Proteſtants as will be endeared to your Majeſties Government, and a Bulwark againſt the* Iriſh *Papiſts. All which Favours we hope (through the help of God) to improve in a continued Loyalty to your Majeſty, and in ſuch a Deportment as ſhall not be juſtly Offenſive to any, but ſo far as is poſſible, will live peaceably with all Men.*

May it pleaſe your Majeſty, we do in moſt humble manner make bold to plead an Intereſt in your Royal Favour, not only as we are already (and when further incouraged will more appear) the moſt numerous Body in theſe Parts, maintaining the true Proteſtant Principles; but as we are moſt firmly devoted to your Majeſties Service, the full Teſtimony whereof was given upon your Majeſties firſt Appearing in this great Cauſe, both upon our early Addreſſing your Majeſty upon your firſt Arrival in England, *and afterward by our publick Aſſerting your Majeſty to be our only lawful Soveraign, and by our putting our ſelves in all the readineſs for further Service, that our Circumſtances (not having the Neceſſaries of War) would admit, whereof the Defence of the City of* London-Derry, *and divers Actions in other Places, were Inſtances, and real Demonſtrations of our fixedneſs to your Majeſty, and will be in this preſent, as in all future Emergencies, and that not only for Conſcience ſake, as to our undoubted Soveraign, but alſo from an indeared Affection to your Sacred Perſon, as the great Pattern of Piety and Sobriety to all your Subjects, and the Lineal and true Succeſſor of that moſt Illuſtrious and Renounced Family, ever dignified by eſpouſing the Cauſe of Chriſt, which to us is above all.*

That God would more and more multiply his Bleſſings upon your Majeſties Perſon, and the Perſon of the Queen your Royal Conſort, and make your Majeſty always the choice Inſtrument in his Hand, for ſupporting his Intereſt, and ſuppreſſing univerſally abounding Profaneneſs, preſerving your Sacred Perſon in all Dangers, more and more enriching your Majeſty with Faith in God, and Courage to encounter all Difficulties yet in your way; and that after a long and happy Reign on Earth, you may enjoy the Everlaſting Crown hereafter, is, and always ſhall be the Prayers of

Your Majeſties moſt Humble, truly
Faithful, and moſt Obedient
Subjects and Servants

This Addreſs was preſented to the King at *Belfaſt* in *Ireland*, the 16th of *June*, 1690. by many Miniſters. His Majeſty received it graciouſly, and Ordered 1200 *l.* to be paid them for their preſent Support.

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